

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2007, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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